

# The Daily Courant.

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*The Proceeding of the most considerable of the Protestant Swiss Cantons to procure a Neutrality for Savoy, appearing but obscurely by the Accounts that have been given in the publick Prints, (which were oblig'd to relate it by Slips and Pieces as the Posts (that of late have come irregularly) arriv'd; We judge it worth while to look a little back, and in one continued short Relation, to shew the Steps those Cantons have already taken to obtain the said Neutrality, and in what State the last Advices left that Affair. In doing which we shall repeat but very little of what has been inserted in former Courants.*

**W**HEN the Marshal de Thesse was advanc'd into Savoy with a Body of French Troops, had taken Possession of Chamberi, made an Incursion in Person as far as la Roche, and sent out Parties to Thounon and Eviau, quite up to the Lake of Geneva, the Cantons of Bern and Friburg thought it high time to dispatch 2 Deputies to him, who arriv'd at Chamberi after the departure of the Marshal de Thesse to take upon him the command of the French Troops on the Secchia, but found there the Duke de la Feuillade, to whom they address'd themselves, desiring him, in the Name of their Principals, to forbear Hostilities in Savoy; the Duke sent them back with this Answer, ‘ That it was not in his power to suspend Hostilities in Savoy without express Orders from the King his Master. But that he would send a Messenger to acquaint his Majesty with the Business of their Deputation. This he did accordingly, and the King of France signified to the Cantons that he was ready to yield to the Neutrality demanded for Savoy, on condition all the Places of Strength in it should be put into the Hands of the Swiss, and that those Garrisons should be paid by his Majesty and the D. of Savoy, that there should be a Passage left open through Savoy for keeping up a Communication with his Army in Italy, that Passports to that effect should be deliver'd out by the Helvetick Body, and that Piemont should be compris'd in this Neutrality, or at least that no Swiss Troops should serve his Royal Highness in Piemont. Which being communicated to the D. of Savoy, he return'd Answer, That he was determin'd much rather to push on the War at all Adventures, and not to tie up his Hands, by a Neutrality of which the French would reap all the Advantage. Hereupon the Canton of Bern nominated 4 Persons to go to the Canton of Friburg and desire them to name 4 Persons likewise, who might all go to the Canton of Zurich, to consult together what was further to be done to obtain a Neutrality for Savoy. Of which the Marquess de Puiseux being inform'd, he wrote the following Letter to the Canton of Zurich.

*Magnificent Lords!*

**Y**OU are inform'd, no doubt, that the Laudable Canton of Bern has sent Deputies to that of Friburg, to endeavour to possess them with an Opinion that the late Conquest of Savoy by the Troops of the King my Master, is very prejudicial to the Interest of the Laudable Helvetick Body, and that the said Laudable Canton would do well to dispatch Deputies along with theirs to you, and to give them Instructions to use their best Endeavours to perswade you to joyn with them in a Deputation to me, to propose that I should desire his Majesty in your Names to withdraw all his Troops out of Savoy, and to let that part of the

Dominions of his Royal Highness enjoy a perfect Neutrality. Their Design in demanding such a Neutrality seems to be, to put that Prince into a Condition to furnish himself from Savoy with all things necessary for carrying on the War the more easily against the two Crowns in Italy, and, if possible, to posses himself of the Dutchy of Milan.

The Deputies of Bern and Friburg are commission'd to signify to me besides, or to write to his Majesty, that in case he will not comply with their Request, They shall be very sorry to be oblig'd to furnish Troops to the D. of Savoy, to enable him to recover all the Country of which the King my Master's Troops have posses'd themselves, but that they cannot help doing it.

Will not your Surprise be equal to mine, Magnificent Lords, when you shall be satisfied that some of the Laudable Cantons have taken Resolutions of such a Nature? Resolutions so warm, and of so great Consequence? Will you not apprehend that the Enemies of the King my Master may hope to have very shortly no cause to envy the happy Tranquility, which by the Superiority of his Majesty's Arms you now enjoy, while Europe is in a Flame? Having had sufficient Experience, Magnificent Lords, of your Prudence and Moderation, I have not hesitated one Moment to inform you of the Resolutions taken by the Cantons of Bern and Friburg, to the end that before their Deputies arrive you may wisely reflect upon their Conduct, and in consequence represent to them, how prejudicial their Resolutions are to the Interest and Quiet of the Helvetick Body.

You are not ignorant, Magnificent Lords, that his Majesty's Troops have conquer'd all Savoy, except Montmeyllan: And doubtless you will call to mind, that you disprov'd the Proposal made by the Sieur Mellarede, when he demanded a Neutrality for Savoy only, without including Piemont, at the time when his Master was in Possession of the Dutchy of Savoy.

After so justly refusing your Approbation of so unreasonable a Demand, is it to be imagin'd you can be for a War against the King my Master, and for undertaking to drive his Troops out of a Country, of which the chief Passages and most considerable Posts are in their Possession? No, Magnificent Lords, you can never take such pernicious Courses, the fatal Consequences of which you foresee too plainly, not to prevent them by your prudent Councils and wise Conduct.

I make no doubt but the King my Master is still dispos'd to yield to a Neutrality for the Dominions of the D. of Savoy, tho' that Prince has absolutely rejected it, and in so doing has in spite of him prov'd himself to be the Aggressor, that he only is the Cause of the Alarm some Cantons feign they are in, and is directly the Author of the Troubles which the Cantons of Bern and Friburg, at the Instigation of that Prince's Agents are raising in the Laudable Helvetick Body, by the warm Resolutions they have taken.

It seems, Magnificent Lords, some Men would assist him who kindled the War in your Nighbourhood, against him who so generously offers to establish Tranquillity there. I have just cause to flatter my self, that your wise Representations will have all the Effect upon the Cantons of Bern and Friburg that may be reasonably expected from the Prudence and Sagacity that shines in all your Discourses and Actions: Upon this Foundation I ground my hopes, that you will render fruitless all the Efforts of the Enemies of the King my Master to disturb the Peace of your dear Country.

The glorious Tranquillity the Laudable Helvetick Body

Body has enjoy'd, ever since they contracted Alliance with France, the Care your illustrious Ancestors constantly took to do nothing that might weaken those Alliances, are Examples to which you will undoubtedly have an Eye on this Occasion, and I persuade my self you will most chearfully follow them. Magnificent Lords, I will inform the King of the prudent Steps you shall take in this Affair, and I can assure you his Majesty will not be wanting to make you a suitable acknowledgement.

Soluthurn, Jan. 18. 1704. Sign'd Puisieux.

The Deputies of Bern, with those of Friburg, proceeded to Zurich, and had several Conferences with Deputies nominated by that Canton, which ended in these Resolutions, 1. That a Letter should be written to the Marquis de Puisieux in the Name of the 13 Cantons, to remind him of the Promise he made to the last General Assembly, to acquaint his Master by a Letter how uneasie the Cantons were at the Neighbourhood of his Troops in Savoy, and to desire him for their Sakes to grant a Neutrality to that Province. 2. That the 13 Cantons should have Copies of this Letter transmitted to them; and should be pres'd to enter into the same Views, to the end that in case the K. of France should not give them the Satisfaction desir'd, the Cantons of Znrich, Bern, Lucern, and Friburg, might be impower'd by all the rest to send a new Deputation to the said Marquis to signify to him in express Terms, that the Cantons look upon the Neutrality of Savoy as a thing inseparable from the common Security of the Helvetick Body. It was likewise resolv'd, that Monsieur Hirzel, Secretary of Zurich, should carry the Letter abovemention'd; and verbally demand a speedy Answer. And the last Advices tell us he is actually gone from Zurich with it.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday being the 14th of February, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *The Silent Woman*. Written by the Famous Ben. Johnson. With Singing by Mr. Leveridge and others, and several Entertainments of Comick Danceing. And tomorrow will be presented the last reviv'd Play call'd, *The Maids Tragedy*. With several Entertainments of Danceing by the Devonshire Girl, for her own Benefit.

AT the New Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, this present Monday being the 14th of February, will be presented Julius Caesar, with the Death of Brutus and Cassius. And on Saturday next the 19th of February, will be presented a new Play never acted before, call'd, *Liberty asserted*.

Taken the 11th of this instant February 1703. between 6 and 7 of the clock at night, from the Golden Buck in Lombard-street, a Show Glafs, in which, besides several things not rememb'r'd, were these Particulars, viz. A Gold Moco stone Chain set in Gold, with a Crown at the top; one Gold Grain-Watch-Chain markt C. O. One large Saphyre loose, and 1 a little left. One string of Pearls from 2 Grains to 5 or 6 Grains apiece; one large Pearl with a large Hole in it, about 12 Grains, with several other loose Pearls; with several Diamond-Rings, Rubies and Garnet Griflets set in the middle. One very large-siz'd Ring, with 12 Diamonds, one being out, with an Amethist broke in the middle. One fine Gold Medal of Cardinal Richelieu; one smaller Gold Medal with 2 Heads. Several stone and plain Lockets, and Gold Hearts, with stones on the Top to open. One Gold Chain with 3 Links, linkt and end, 15d. wt. and one Brilliant Diamond-Ring, set round with 8 Diamonds in the middle; one longish Diamond weighing about 2 Grains and a half, or 3 at most. One large Garner set in Gold to hang to a Watch, and several Hoops and Joints markt T. S. Several Gold-Rings set with Turky and Vermilions. Several Gold Buttons, some plain and some set with Moco Stones, and a Cornelian Ring set. One pair of plain Gold Buttons link'd with a Chain neck-fashion'd, 8d. weight and half. Several false Stone Ear-Rings, and Rings of several colours, set in Gold. One pair of Ear-Rings Diamonds and Drops value about 4l. 10s. Several right Garner Ear-Rings set in Gold with Drops. Two red Watch-Bottles rib'd with Gold. Several gilt Watch-Bottles and other Toys. One gilt Coral with a double Branch. One Necklace with Pearls and Vermilions; one Moco Stone Bracelet, 1 large piece of Coral, weight 1 Ounce 8 p. wt. a plain gold Socket to it, 14 or 15 p. wt. 1 Cornelian set in Gold, and very finely enamell'd, 3 or 4 Cornelian Seals set strong in Gold, several Gold Ear-Rings with Tops and Drops to 'em, 1 little Padlock in Gold and Silver and a Gold Key, and several Correllionel

Keys, with several other Things of great Value.

If any such is offer'd to be sold, pawn'd or valued, pray stop them and the Party, and give speedy Notice to Mr. William Fordham, Goldsmith at the aforesaid Golden Buck in Lombardstreet, and you shall have Twenty Gunieas Reward for the whole, or proportionably for any part.

PROPOSALS for Subscription to a Book in the Press, intituled, *A Treatise of Fluxions, or An Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*. Containing a full Explication of the Method by which the most celebrated Geometers of the present Age have made such Advances in Mathematical Philosophy. A Work very useful for those that would know how to apply Mathematics to Nature, in 15 Sections. Shewing the nature of Fluxions, the Algorithm of Fluxions. The use of Fluxions in drawing Tangents to all sorts of curve Lines, in investigating the Areas of all sorts of Surfaces in the resolution of Questions de maximis & minimis, in Investigating the Centres of gravity of Lines, Surfaces and Solids, and the Centres of Percussion, and Oscillation. The use of Fluxions in Astronomy. To find the Fluxions of Logarithms and of Powers whose Exponents are flowing Quantities. To all which is prefixed, a Discourse of Comic Sections. By Charles Hays, Gent. The Price to Subscribers is 10 sh. per Book in Quires; 5 sh. to be paid down, and the rest on the delivery of the Book, a 7th gratis. Not to be sold under 25 sh. to any but Subscribers. The Book will be ready to be delivered on Lady-day next and in the mean time any Gentleman may see what is already printed at the Undertakers, Daniel Midwinter and Thomas Leigh, Booksellers, at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard.

DR. READ the Approved Oculist, is to be advised withal constantly at his House in Durham-Yard behind the New Exchange in the Strand, the Queen's Arms being over his Door (being removed from the Black-a-moor's-Head in Shandon-street, Covent-Garden), having more conveniences for the accommodating his Patients. He gives his Advice to the Poor gratis in all Distempers incident to the Eyes, and hath restored several Hundreds to perfect sight for Charity, that were recommended to him by the Ministers and Church-wardens of several Parishes in the Country as well as in this City since Christmas last, and will freely continue his kindness to the Poor. He hath lately couch'd and brought to perfect sight several that were actually born Blind of Cataracts, and several of Blindness through Obstructions of the Optick Nerves.

THE Crown-Inn at Islington with a Bowling-Green Bare and Garden thereto belonging, and several other Houses with Gardens behind them, the New River running at the end of the said Gardens, are to be Lett, being the Estate of the Company of Brewers London. Enquire of the Clerk of the said Company at Brewers-Hall in Aldermanbury.

THIS day will be sold by Auction at the Three-Tun-Tavern near Grays-Inn in Holborn, at 4 a clock in the Afternoon, Stephani Thesaurus Linguae Graecæ, in 4 Vol. Idem Thesaurus Linguae Latinae, in 2 Vol. Charta majore Siboei Sententiae Gr. Lat. Sylburgii Etymologicum magnum. Suidas's Lexicon Gr. Lat. in 2 Vol. Spelmanni Glosarium Edit. Opt. Theodoreti Opera omnia Gr. Lat. 4 Vol. Thuanii Historia, 4 Vol. Thucydides Gr. Lat. apud H. Stephanii Tusani Lexicon Gr. Thesaurus Ling. Lat. five Forum Romanum. Ufforii Annals, 2 Vol. Vossius de Idolatria Charta magna, Mathei Westmonasteriensis Flores Historici, Zonare Annales Gr. L. 2 Vol. Zenophontis Opera Gr. L. With several other valuable Books, being part of the Library of the late Archb. Lampugnani.

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THE Augmentation of Poor Vicarages, with the Proposals thereunto. Humbly offer'd to the Consideration of the Parliament. Cambridge Printed, and sold by Jeff. Wale at the Angel in St. Paul's Church-yard.